

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 46-49, and 53-55 were pending in this application when the present Final Office Action was mailed (September 13, 2007). Claims 8 and 10 have been withdrawn from consideration in response to a prior Restriction Requirement. In this response, claims 1 and 53-55 have been amended without prejudice to pursuing these claims in unamended or other forms in a continuation or other application. Claims 56-62 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-11, 46-49, and 53-62 are currently pending, with claims 8 and 10 withdrawn from consideration.

In the September 13, 2007 Office Action, claims 1-7, 9, 11, and 53 were rejected. More specifically, the status of the application in light of this Office Action is as follows:

(A) Claims 1-7, 9, 11, and 53 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,784,525 to Kuan et al. ("Kuan");

(B) Claims 54 and 55 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form; and

(C) Claims 46-49 are allowed.

A. **Response to the Section 102(e) Rejection**

Claims 1-7, 9, 11, and 53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kuan. Without commenting on or conceding the merits of this rejection, independent claims 1 and 53 have been amended to include subject matter generally similar to that of allowed claim 46. As a result, the Section 102 rejection of claims 1 and 53 should be withdrawn. Claims 2-7, 9, and 11 depend from claim 1. As a result, the Section 102 rejection of these claims should also be withdrawn for the reasons discussed above and for the additional features of these claims.

B. **Response to the Claim Objection**

Claims 54 and 55 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Without commenting on or conceding the merits of the Examiner's position, claims 54 and 55 have been rewritten into independent form. As a result, the objection to claims 54 and 55 should be withdrawn.

C. Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

The applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that claims 46-49 are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that these claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterization of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

D. Newly Added Claims

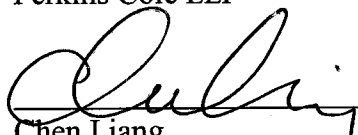
Claims 56-62 have been added in this response. The applicants respectfully submit that claims 56-62 are patentable over the cited references because these claims depend from allowable claims 54 or 55 and include additional features.

E. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the pending claims comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are patentable over the applied art. The applicants accordingly request reconsideration of the application and a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Chen Liang at (206) 359-6038.

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